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## **Response to Governor's New Emergency Declaration**

**Madison, WI** – Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) issued the following statement in response to Governor Evers' new emergency declaration order (Executive Order 82) that affords the governor and Department of Health Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm the ability to issue new sweeping directives and mandates upon the citizens of Wisconsin:

"First, I question the legality of the order. Understanding how Governor Evers and his advisors work, my team and I anticipated that the governor would issue an order like this. In preparation, we sought out a legal opinion from legislative attorneys on this very issue. Issuing another public health emergency after the expiration of a previous order for the same reason is extremely questionable at best and very likely outright illegal at its worst.

"In the past few days, it's been publicly revealed that the Department of Health Services isn't even operating with up to date and accurate data as it pertains to test counts and reporting timelines. Any decision based on "science," as the governor claims he's using, would need to rely on accurate data. Individuals, organizations, and businesses should take whatever precautions they deem necessary, including wearing masks, to protect themselves and their loved ones, exercising personal responsibility with an adherence to their Constitutional rights and the Constitutional rights of others. I join a number of my colleagues in calling for an immediate revocation of this new declaration."

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*The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties*